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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : இந்த ஸெர்வீஸ் ஸொஸைடிகள் எல்லாம், இந்த அபிவிருத்திக்காக என்னென்ன செய்ய வேண்டுமோ அவைகளைச் செய்ய வேண்டுமென்ற நோக்கத்துடன் ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. இந்த ஸொஸைடிகள் எல்லாம் அந்த நோக்கங்களைக் கொண்டவையாக இருக்கின்றன. ஆகவே ஆரம்பிக்கும் எல்லா ஸொஸைடிகளையும் ஸெர்வீஸ் ஸொஸைடிகளாகவே ஆரம்பிக்க வேண்டும் என்பது சர்க்காரின் நோக்கம்.

Respiratory diseases among factory workers

* 460 Q.—**SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM** (on behalf of **SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI**) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether any enquiries have been conducted in the matter of incidence of industrial diseases like ' BYSSINOSIS ' or other respiratory diseases among workers employed in the factories situated in the State particularly among the Madura Textile Workers; and

(b) if so, whether copies of the reports of such enquiries will be placed on the Table of the House?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) Yes, Sir. An enquiry into the prevalence of the respiratory disease called ' BYSSINOSIS ' in Cotton Textile Industry in South India was conducted in 1949.

(b) A copy of the report^a is placed on the table of the House.

Health Co-operatives

* 461 Q.—**SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Health Co-operatives functioning in the State; and

(b) the details of the functioning of these societies?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) Five.

(b) As on 31st December 1959, the five societies had a membership of 1,308. Up to 31st December 1959 the societies collected an amount of Rs. 37,155 by way of subscription from their members, donations from philanthropists, co-operative institutions, local bodies, etc., and subsidies from Government. During the period from 1st July to 31st December 1959 the societies treated 9,620 patients and collected medical fees to the tune of Rs. 4,209.

Three of the societies are functioning fairly satisfactorily and the remaining two societies are dormant.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : How far is this system advantageous over the system of treating the patients in the hospitals?